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TAGS: MARR, US, UK, AS, IO

SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA IMPROVEMENTS AND NORTH WEST CAPE

1. IN ADDITION TO US-UK AGREED RATIONALE, Q'S AND A'S  
AND CONTINGENCY STATEMENT, SEPTELS, FOLLOWING ARE ADDITIONAL  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR USE AS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE  
CONCERNING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PROPOSED IMPROVE-  
MENTS AT NAVCOMMSTA DIEGO GARCIA AND NAVCOMMSTA H. E. HOLT  
AT NORTH WEST CAPE, AUSTRALIA.

Q. WHAT IS THE CURRENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
NAVCOMMSTA DIEGO GARCIA AND NAVCOMMSTA H. E. HOLT?

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A. NAVCOMMSTA DIEGO GARCIA AND NAVCOMMSTA H. E. HOLT

ARE BOTH ESSENTIAL AND DISTINCT ELEMENTS OF THE WORLDWIDE U.S. DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. THEY ARE INTER-CONNECTED BY A HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO TRUNK FOR THE EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES.

Q. WILL THE PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS ON DIEGO GARCIA ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE FACILITIES AT NORTH WEST CAPE?

A. THE PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS ON DIEGO GARCIA ARE PRIMARILY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES OF THE ISLAND, WITH ONLY MINOR CHANGES IN THE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY. ALTHOUGH BOTH STATIONS ARE LOCATED ON THE INDIAN OCEAN, THEIR FUNCTIONS AND COVERAGE ARE COMPLEMENTARY AND EACH PROVIDES A NECESSARY LINK IN THE WORLDWIDE U.S. DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

2. EMBASSY CANBERRA MAY ALSO INFORM GOA OFFICIALS ON CLASSIFIED BASIS THAT PRIMARY MISSION OF H. E. HOLT IS AS A VLF TRANSMITTING FACILITY, AND NO VLF IS PLANNED AT DIEGO GARCIA.

3. EMBASSY LONDON: PLEASE PASS ABOVE Q'S AND A'S TO FCO.

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